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Application No.: 09/107,141)	Examiner: John W. Eldred
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REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 30, 2002, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Re-examination and reconsideration of the application identified in caption pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-25 and 27-31 are pending in the present application. Each of these claims is under consideration.

In the Official Action, claims 1-3, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 24, 25, 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,013,331 (*Edwards et al*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,293,525 (*Ginsburgh et al*). This rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons.